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RENEWAL OF LICENCES FOR DTH OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the income earned by the Government in issuing the licences for DTH operators, operator-wise:

(b) whether the government has finalized guidelines for renewal of licences for DTH operators and the time by which the new guidelines are likely to be issued; and

(c) the present status of implementation of mobility of DTH operators in order to favour the subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) The Ministry has given licences to 6 private companies to operate Direct-to-Home services in India. Revenue earned from these operators during the last three years is at Annexure.

(b) The Ministry made a reference to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 3rd September 2013 seeking its recommendations on certain terms and conditions for renewal of DTH licenses. TRAI has issued a consultation paper on "Issue/extension of DTH license" on 1st October, 2013. A supplementary consultation paper in the matter was also issued by TRAI on 14th November, 2013. The guidelines for renewal of DTH license will be finalized by this Ministry only after receiving recommendations of TRAI as per prescribed procedures.

(c) The number portability which exists in the telecom sector does not exist in the DTH sector as of now.